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TIMOR LESTE FORWARD COMMAND ELEMENT (10-15 OCT 2012)
FAS: GYSGT HODGES

•Picture with CE 15th MEU SgtMaj, Timorese Forces, and Navy interpreter.

Opening Ceremony

- Provided liaison for 15 MEU/PELARG to US Embassy , Timor Leste
- Attended opening ceremony at the FFDTL Headquarters, mid exercise reception onboard ship and closing ceremony in Tasi Tolu
- Met The Chief of Defense Force, Major General Lere Anan Timur. Discussed current and future bi-lateral training opportunities and Fostered public diplomacy
- Shared cultural meal with FFDTL and distinguished guests

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COMREL

- Attended COMREL event in Manatuto, Timor Leste
  - Distributed school supplies, sporting goods, and assorted tools and equipment
  - Engaged local school children

- Engagement Timorese school teachers
  - Discussed the work that the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 has conducted in the area
  - Discussed the importance that the Timorese place on education

Cultural Training

- Cultural training from FAS enhanced understanding of
  - Timorese and how to deal with specific situations
  - How to effectively teach F-FDTL without causing loss of face
  - Built rapport through daily interaction
  - Mutual cooperation in Pacific theater

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•Picture with F-FDTL forces and Bahasa Navy Interpreter.

Wrap Up

- Attended COMREL event in Manatuto
  - Distributed school supplies, sporting goods, and assorted tools and equipment
  - Engaged in play with local school children
- Attended meeting with USAID
  - Discussed current efforts, and coordination on future efforts
  - Discussed cultural aspects of Timor Leste
- Met with Senior Defense Official of the Office of Defense Cooperation
  - Discussed current efforts
  - Discussed cultural aspects of Timor Leste
- Engagement with F-FDTL soldiers
- Engagement Timorese school teachers
  - Discussed the work that the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 has conducted in the area
  - Discussed the importance that the Timorese place

•Picture with FCE, including U.S. Ambassador, SDO, and 15th MEU

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